

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1652

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Cynthia Stone Creem**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the rights of children adopted by unmarried persons.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cynthia Stone Creem	First Middlesex and Norfolk
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00893 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN ADOPTED BY UNMARRIED PERSONS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 210 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition  
2   is hereby amended by inserting after Section 6E, the following section:-

3   Section 6F. After an adjudication of adoption, in the event that the adoptive parents are not  
4   married to each other, in any dispute as may arise as to custody, visitation, support, education,  
5   maintenance and health insurance, the adoptive parent may seek relief under sections nine, ten,  
6   eleven, eighteen, nineteen and twenty of chapter two hundred and nine C provided however that  
7   the provisions of paragraph B of section 10 of chapter two hundred and nine C shall not apply to  
8   this section.